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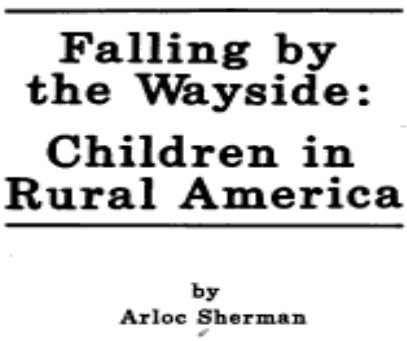
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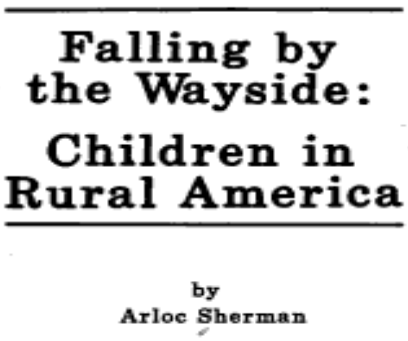

Description

Economic, social, and health indicators show that as many as one-quarter of rural children face problems usually attributed only to inner cities. Rural children are poorer than other American children and are less likely to have access to health insurance, health services, child care, government aid, or adequate housing. This book provides abundant statistical data (in text and tables) on various aspects of poverty in rural America as it affects children. It contains the following chapters: (1) Rural Children and Families: Who They Are; (2) The Rural Economic Landscape; (3) Child Poverty in Rural America; (4) Public Cash and Food Assistance for the Rural Poor; (5) the Health of Rural Children; (6) Rural Child Care and Early Childhood Education; (7) Rural Education; and (8) Rural Housing. Each chapter highlights problems faced in rural areas and makes frequent comparisons with urban data. The chapter on education discusses higher costs and limited curricula of rural schools, teacher experience and turnover, achievement scores, dropouts, youth outmigration, educational attainment, and college enrollment. Most chapters contain specific suggestions for national, state, and local governments and private entities to improve the plight of rural children. Sidebars highlight successful programs benefitting poor rural children. The appendix contains 13 additional tables that provide key state facts about children and the issues covered. (KS)